



Neighborhood Council of Northeast Tacoma

2016 Annual Report 2017 Action Plan

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Date of last bylaws update: May 19, 2016. Copy attached.

Board member list: See Attachment 1.

Board member distribution: NETNC Board has approved to full board (see Attachment 1 for e-mail addresses).

Meeting time and location:

- NETNC Community and Board meetings are now on 3rd Thursdays, 6pm, Center at Norpoint (changed from 7pm, Tacoma Police NE substation).
- NETNC Board Executive and Planning Committee meetings are on 1st Thursdays, 6pm, Tacoma Police NE substation (changed from 6:30pm).

2016 Budget Actuals: This statement is Attachment 2.

A. Board member and meeting participant recruitment efforts:

NETNC has 19 authorized Board positions, allocated to two each to eight areas within the boundaries, with three at-large seats (also representing the adjacent Tideflats areas of NETNC).

- Actively sought interested people at and between meetings – elected two new in 2016 to bring Board strength to 18 at year-end
- Promoted converting interest in broad NE Tacoma interests to Board participation in NET News articles (detailed coverage in September-October, and November-December) and at meetings
- Had presence at area public events: Alderwood Park clean-up on Parks Appreciation Day in April, the Community Clean-Up Day in June, and the special Kobetich Library meeting in July in concert with Friends of Tacoma Library
- 9 NET News issues, with meeting minutes and upcoming topics distributed to 500+ residents by e-mail and ~150 on paper. E-mail copies often forwarded to HOA lists.
- Held a Candidates Forum, which attracted many new faces.

B. Leadership Development

- Sent one Board member to NUSA with subsidy

- Have monitored training opportunities, which are scarce in terms of affordability and feasible time-commitments
- Board orientation: Annual planning workshops in January 2016 and 2017 to review accomplishments and goals, plus August 4th distribution and discussion of Board Resource Books and follow-up with Carol Wolfe to discuss purpose and role of Neighborhood Councils on October 6th
- Officer leadership rotation: officer commitments have historically been hard to obtain (new Co-Chairs and Vice-Chair were elected in January 2017 and Recording Secretary in February 2017).

Effective officers must spend a significant amount of time to accomplish NETNC's goals. This effectiveness depends on a comprehensive understanding of the residents' issues and the residents themselves, the contacts in the City and other agencies and how they work, etc. Rotation should be orderly and developed among Board members interested at a level sufficient for effective action.

C. Board election promotion:

- Announcements and discussion at August and September meetings
- NET News articles promoting service in September-October, November-December including maps of the NETNC area subdivisions
- Board orientation: included in annual planning workshop (January)

E. Community Council representation:

- Hayes Alexander (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, Jun)
- John Thurlow (Jan, Mar, Jun, Sep, Oct)
- Marion Weed (Aug, Nov)
- alternate: Jim Philp not called on with sufficient lead time to substitute when regular members were absent.

CCoT had no May (NUSA) July, or December meetings, and only one person from NETNC participated in the November CCoT meeting, because it was moved from its usual time and conflicted with the regular NETNC meeting time. NETNC representatives covered all the meetings possible, and John Thurlow participated in the CCoT Executive Committee meetings through March.

F. NETNC Community Meeting participation:

Non-Board members: record-keeping has improved, but is still incomplete. Participants are asked to sign-in (a great way to get new contacts for the e-mail list), but not required. Non-Board participation grew substantially in 2016 because of the controversy surrounding the proposed methanol and LNG plants in the Tideflats, as well as the Kobetich Library special meeting in August (100+ participants) and Manager Broadnax in September (~70 participants). There were on average at least ten to 20 non-Board members at meetings. NETNC had Board quorums at all its 2016 Community and Board meetings. At the Candidates Forum in October (held instead of a Board meeting), there were ~60 non-Board/non-candidate retinue participants.

Averages:

January-March (3 meetings): ~25 attendees

April-June (3 meetings): ~35 attendees

July-September (3 meetings): ~70 attendees

October-December (2 meetings): ~45 attendees

Other 2016 accomplishments:

- Provided refreshments and lunch for ~40 volunteers at the Alderwood Park cleanup on Parks Appreciation Day.
- Successful Community Clean-Up Day in partnership with CBS and Solid Waste, and volunteers from NETNC, a Safe Streets group, the Dash Point Ward, and Marine View Presbyterian's Bikes for Kids program. Organized the 38 volunteers and provided refreshments and lunch.
- Received national third place award for NET News in the printed, greater than 6 issues/year category from NUSA at the 2016 NUSA Conference.
- Received the Transportation Innovator Award – Advocacy Award from Downtown on the Go at its 2016 annual awards luncheon for NETNC's role in getting Pierce Transit Route 63 established.
- Conducted a Candidates Forum for U.S. Congress, state legislature, county executive and council positions, and superior court judge positions (16 candidates and 60+ voter participants).
- Progressed outstanding Innovative Grants for speed humps and radar-operated speed signs – dependent on City actions.
- Represented the broad NE Tacoma community with the Port and the City on projects in near-by Tideflats.
- Participated in Transportation Commission, advocating for NE Tacoma streets and sidewalks.
- Re-incorporated to be consistent with Washington non-profit law and IRS 501(c)(4) tax-exempt regulations and register intent to operate as such.

2017 Action Plan

A. Board and meeting participant recruitment:

Besides continuing prior efforts, in 2017 NETNC will:

- Update NETNC's brochure
- Postcard mailing to all area households promoting an on-line community survey
- Improve website and Facebook presence to more-effectively promote meeting participation
- Conduct a community picnic in the summer and have presence at the Norpoint Summer Bash to attract new participants
- Conduct special meetings as needed, and conduct a Candidates Forum.

B. Leadership:

- Participate in NUSA (focus on recruiting new participants from NETNC)
- Focus efforts to fill the Recording Secretary Officer position. [A Secretary was elected in February 2017.]
- Ensure new Board members have updated Board Books for all Board members and promote their use and maintenance.

C. Board election promotion:

Continue the established processes, with more attention to recruiting new Board members in the first half of the year. [All board positions filled as of February 2017.]

2017 Strategic Goals

- Improve communication, coordination, and collaboration with the City of Tacoma, Port of Tacoma, Federal Way, and the Puyallup Tribal Council. Participate in other neighborhood council and community meetings:
 - a. Identify volunteers to get involved with committees/councils/commissions to improve NE representation
 - b. Establish regular meetings with key leaders
 - c. Ensure our City leaders attend our community board meetings monthly
 - d. Visit other community council meetings
 - e. Participate in the Community Council of Tacoma.
- Improve engagement, involvement, and sense of community:
 - a. Conduct community survey
 - b. Identify community service projects we can sponsor
 - c. Explore and identify community based services
 - d. Advocate for a NE Tacoma Farmers Market
 - e. Improve marketing of NET Neighborhood Council – flyers/tables
 - f. Establish events committee.

- Improve and maintain quality of life (safe, clean, healthy, sustainable, services):
 - a. Advocate for a clean/healthy/safe/sustainable Tacoma
 - b. Make sure that innovative grants are fully applied for by the deadline
 - c. Advocate for improvements to Tacoma's Comprehensive Plan in the NE Tacoma Neighborhood boundary.
- Improve mobility and safe transportation within our community:
 - a. Advocate for our neighborhood's priorities with City leadership
 - b. Gather input from community during the survey
 - c. Update the Neighborhood Action Strategy project list with Public Works and any other relevant agencies.

E. 2017 Other Events and Priorities:

- Conduct a Candidates Forum for the General Election
- Community Clean-up Day organization and support
- Continue support for Alderwood Park clean-up day
- Continue to advocate for the work to maintain and improve Julia's Gulch
- Continue independent fund and own grant program
- Develop better outreach, including a flyer, for Innovative Grants
- Continue to improve website and Facebook presence.

2017 Approved Budget: see Attachment 2.

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Attachment 1: Contact Information for 2017-2018

NETNC Board Members:

Board roster as of December 31, 2016, plus additions (*) and resignations (**) in 2017 to date.

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